

**BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING THIS WEEK**

KHSAA Board of Control president Roland Williams has called a special meeting of the Board to review appeals. The meeting is scheduled for Wed., April 18, at the KHSAA office in Lexington. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA office.

At its May meeting, scheduled for May 15-16, the Board will review proposals for hosting the 2003 and 2004 Girls' State Basketball Tournaments. The 2002 tournament was previously awarded to the City of Bowling Green and Western Kentucky University, site of this year's event.

**STATE SLOW PITCH BRACKET SET**

The draw for the bracket for the 19<sup>th</sup> KHSAA Slow Pitch Softball State Tournament, scheduled for May 11-12 at Kenton Lakes Sports Complex in Kenton, was held last week.

Action of the double-elimination tournament gets underway Fri., May 11 at 4 p.m. and continues through 8:30 p.m. Saturday's play is set to begin at 9 a.m., with the championship game slated for 6 p.m.

Two-time defending champion Newport Central Catholic squares off against Calvary Christian in its opening round game. NCC will be in quest for its third consecutive crown. The Thoroughbreds came out of the consolation bracket to defeat Highlands twice last year (5-2 and 11-10) to claim the title.

Newport Central Catholic owns four State Slow Pitch titles (1984, 1997, 1999, 2000) winning three of the last four.

Following are first-round match-ups. For a complete bracket, log on to the KHSAA website at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org).

(Bracket Reads Top-to-Bottom, All Times EDT)

Fri., May 11

Beechwood vs. Villa Madonna – Field 1, 4 p.m.  
Calvary Christian vs. Newport C. Catholic – Field 2, 4 p.m.  
Silver Grove vs. Heritage – Field 3, 4 p.m.  
Holmes vs. Newport – Field 4, 4 p.m.  
Campbell Co. vs. Bellevue – Field 1, 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Cross (Cov.) vs. Dayton – Field 2, 5:30 p.m.  
Lloyd Memorial vs. Dixie Heights – Field 3, 5:30 p.m.  
Ludlow vs. Grant Co. – Field 4, 5:30 p.m.

Sat., May 12

Play begins at 9 a.m.  
Championship game at 6 p.m.

Tickets to the event are general admission and are \$5 per day. Pre-school children will be admitted free of charge. Results of the event will be updated on the KHSAA website throughout the tournament.

There are 16 teams that are fielding slow pitch teams this season, up from 13 last year. All teams qualify for the State Tournament with the only requirement that a team play a minimum of 10 regular season games.

**STATE FAST PITCH SOFTBALL DRAW HELD**

The draw for the 7<sup>th</sup> KHSAA Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament, scheduled for June 8-9 at Skyview Park in Jeffersontown was conducted last week.

Action of the double-elimination tournament will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 8 and continue through 9 p.m. Saturday's schedule of play begins at 9 a.m., with the Championship scheduled for 7 p.m.

Defending champion DuPont Manual hopes to return to the State Tournament as the 16 regional champions advance to State Tournament play. After losing 1-0 to North Laurel in the winner's bracket final last year, the Crimson defeated Allen Co.-Scottsville, 4-0, in the consolation bracket final to earn another shot at North Laurel.

In two great pitcher's duels, DuPont Manual pulled off consecutive wins over the Jaguars, by a score of 1-0, to claim its second State Fast Pitch Softball title (other title in 1997).

Following are first-round region vs. region match-ups. For a complete bracket, log on to the KHSAA website at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org).

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Fri., June 8

Region 15 vs. Region 3 – Field 2, 9 a.m.  
Region 10 vs. Region 14 – Field 3, 9 a.m.  
Region 2 vs. Region 9 – Field 4, 9 a.m.  
Region 8 vs. Region 11 – Field 2, 11 a.m.  
Region 1 vs. Region 13 – Field 3, 11 a.m.  
Region 12 vs. Region 4 – Field 4, 11 a.m.  
Region 6 vs. Region 5 – Field 2, 1 p.m.  
Region 7 vs. Region 16 – Field 3, 1 p.m.

Sat., June 9

Play begins at 9 a.m.  
Championship game at 7 p.m.

### **STATE BASEBALL FINALS DRAW HELD**

The draw for the 61<sup>st</sup> KHSAA State Baseball Finals, scheduled for June 14-15 at the University of Kentucky's Cliff Hagan Stadium in Lexington was held last week. The draw sets the schedule for the semi-state champions for the three-game finals event.

Defending champion Henderson County became the first semi-state 1 champion since Franklin-Simpson in 1991 to capture the State Championship with an exciting 1-0 win over Ballard last year. Henderson County's win snapped semi-state 3's hold on the championship as its representative had collected the last three state titles (Lexington Catholic, 1999; Harrison Co. 1997 and 1998).

Following is the state finals draw. For a complete bracket, log on to the KHSAA website at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)

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Thurs., June 14

Semi-State 1 Winner vs. Semi-State 2 Winner, 3:30 p.m.

Semi-State 3 Winner vs. Semi-State 4 Winner, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., June 15

Championship at 7 p.m.

### **PAINTSVILLE'S ADKINS SURPASSES WIN NO. 700**

Paintsville baseball coach Charlie Adkins picked up career win No. 700 in a 5-2 win over Wayne, WV, back on April 4. Currently the Tigers are 5-4 on the year, running Coach Adkins' total to 704-302. He currently stands third among Kentucky's most successful baseball coaches.

Adkins coached the Tigers to a State Championship in 1990 when Paintsville defeated Bates Creek 10-4 in Lexington.

Madison Central's Don Richardson holds the state record with 961 career wins.

### **BASEBALL – FAST PITCH POSTSEASON SITES**

District and Regional (and semi-state in baseball) tournament sites will be posted on the KHSAA website soon. The KHSAA is in the process of finalizing information.

District Fast Pitch and Baseball Tournaments are scheduled for May 21-26. Regional Tournaments are scheduled for May 28-June 2. Semi-State Baseball Tournaments are slated for June 4-9.

### **MR. & MS. BASKETBALL TO BE ANNOUNCED**

The announcement of this year's Mr. & Ms. Basketball recipients will be held during a press conference scheduled for this Fri., April 20 at Lexington Catholic High School in the auditorium at 4 p.m. A reception will follow and be held from 5-6:30 p.m.

### **KY-INDIANA BK ALL-STAR SERIES**

The annual Kentucky-Indiana All-Star series, sponsored by the Kentucky Lions' Eye Foundation, is scheduled for Sat., June 16 at the Owensboro SportsCenter.

The girls' game will begin at 5:05 p.m. (CDT) with the boys' action set for 8:05 p.m. (CDT).

Tickets to the event are \$12/\$15 and may be ordered by calling (270) 687-2787 or through TicketMaster. For media credentials, contact game director Jim Sandidge with the Ky. Lions' Eye Foundation at 1-800-232-5308 or via fax at (502) 852-6596.

Tryouts for the Kentucky team will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 22, with the teams announced on Sunday during a 2 p.m. press conference in the Lexington Catholic Gymnasium.

Greg Todd of defending girls' state champion Lexington Catholic will coach the girls' squad while Bryce Hibbard of boys' state runner-up Male will coach the boys' team.

The teams will rematch the following Saturday, June 23, at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. For media credentials to the game in Indianapolis, contact Pat Aikman of the Indianapolis Star at (317) 633-1240. Tickets (varying price levels) can be purchased through TicketMaster. Game times are 5:05 and 8:50 p.m. (CST).

#### **HOW TO GET INFO IN THE WEEKLY RELEASE**

The KHSAA requests assistance from member schools and media outlets to aid in the compilation and dissemination of notes of interest, coaches association polls and upcoming events in all sports. Information should be forwarded to the KHSAA, attention Butch Cope, by 1 p.m. (ET) on Monday of each week. You may e-mail ([bcope@khsaa.org](mailto:bcope@khsaa.org)) the information or fax it to the KHSAA at (859) 293-5999. Information will be reviewed and published at the discretion of the Association. The KHSAA strives to publicize all of its sports to the fullest extent and appreciates any and all assistance.

#### **REMAINING KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

May 11-12 - Slow Pitch Softball - Kenton Lakes Sports Complex, Kenton  
May 31-June 2 - Boys' & Girls' Tennis - UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington  
June 1-2 - Track & Field - UK Shively Track Complex, Lexington  
June 8-9 - Fast Pitch Softball - Skyview Park, Jeffersontown  
June 14-15 - Baseball - UK Cliff Hagan Stadium, Lexington

**THE NEXT NEWS RELEASE WILL BE MON., APRIL 30**